

February 13, 2003

Hon. Maurice Johannessen  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
1227 O Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Johannessen:

A recent Article in USA Today ("When duty calls: A Financial checklist for reservists before they ship out," February 7, 2003) focused attention on the needs of service men and women who are being called to active duty. An Important item on the "checklist" is assuring that tax preparation is completed.

I would like to inform the men and women of our Armed Forces, as well as veterans and their families, that my office serves as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center.

We are pleased to offer tax preparation assistance to all California residents who request it, regardless of situation.

To schedule an appointment for income tax preparation or for additional information please contact:

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We look forward to being of service.

Very truly yours,

John Chiang  
Member, Fourth District